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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/500,656 Confirmation No. 2848  
Applicant: T. TOYOOKA et al.  
Filed: July 2, 2004  
Title: STEERING SYSTEM FOR WORKING VEHICLE  
TC/AU: 3611  
Examiner: M.A. Arce Diaz  
Customer No.: 24956

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Allowability was issued in the above-identified application on May 19, 2006. However, the Notice of Allowability did not acknowledge the claim for priority of Japanese No. 2002-51675 filed in Japan on February 27, 2002, or acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of the priority document, which was filed in this national stage application by the International Bureau.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner officially acknowledge the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

Respectfully submitted,

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